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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. JAPAN: SAYONARA TO THE MIG?

THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED EMBASSY TOKYO SEP-  
TEMBER 25 OF ITS VIRTUAL CERTAINTY THAT THE MIG-25 WILL  
BE RETURNED TO THE SOVIETS. FOREIGN MINISTER KOSAKA IS  
TO COMMUNICATE THE DECISION TO FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO  
IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 28, AT WHICH TIME DIRECT US  
ACCESS TO THE PLANE WILL CEASE. THE EMBASSY ALSO NOTES:

--NO TIMETABLE FOR THE RETURN WAS PROVIDED.

--INDIRECT US ACCESS, VIA CONSULTATION WITH JAPANESE  
TECHNICIANS, MAY BE PERMITTED AFTER SEPT 28.  
(SECRET) LIMDIS, TOKYO 14327, 9/26.

### 2. CHINA: WHAT ROLE FOR MADAME MAO?

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CONGEN HONG KONG NOTES THE APPEARANCE OF POINTED MEDIA REFERENCES TO CHIANG CHING--SEEMINGLY DESIGNED TO DRAMATIZE HER STATUS AS AN INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTOR RATHER

HAN AS MAO'S WIDOW. THROUGHOUT THE FUNERAL SERVICES, CHING DID NOT TAKE A SPECIAL ROLE AS WIDOW OF THE CHAIRMAN, BUT WAS SHOWN IN HER RANK ORDER AS NO. 5 AMONG THE ACTIVE, TOP LEADERSHIP. ON ONE HAND, POLITBURO MEMBERS MAY HAVE RESISTED GIVING HER THE ADDED PROMINENCE OF STANDING BY THE BIER. ON THE OTHER HAND, SHE HERSELF MAY HAVE SEEN THE INDEPENDENT IMAGE AS MORE USEFUL IN THE LONG TERM. CONGEN HONG KONG CONCLUDES:

--CHIANG CHING'S OVERZEALOUS PURSUIT OF POLITICAL PURITY HAS NOT ENDEARED HER TO MANY ELEMENTS ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, AND HER FORMER ASSOCIATES MAY NOW VIEW HER ZEALOTRY AS A POLITICAL LIABILITY.

--DESPITE HER PHYSICAL INCLUSION AMONG THE LEADERSHIP AT THE FUNERAL, THERE MAY BE WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN LIMITING HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE POST-MAO LEADERSHIP. (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG 11188, 9/24.

### 3. SISMIR OFF THE SCENE UNTIL SPRING

AMCONSUL IZMIR REPORTS THAT THE SISMIR RETURNED TO THE ISTANBUL SHIPYARDS FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS ON SEPTEMBER 26. THE SHIP IS NOT EXPECTED TO RESUME SURVEY ACTIVITIES UNTIL THE SPRING. PART OF THE LAST ANNOUNCED SURVEY WAS NOT COMPLETED DUE TO BAD WEATHER. (UNCLASSIFIED) IZMIR 297, 9/26.

### 4. JAMAICAN OPPOSITION UNDAUNTED

JAMAICA LABOR PARTY LEADER EDDIE SEAGA RECENTLY TOLD AMBASSADOR GERARD HE IS INCREASINGLY CONFIDENT OF HIS ABILITY TO BEAT MANLEY IN FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS, WHICH HE BELIEVES WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY. SEAGA:

--EXPECTS MANLEY WILL CONTINUE THE ANTI-CIA LINE  
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THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN BUT QUESTIONS ITS EFFECTIVENESS;

--SAYS HE HAS VISITED 850 COMMUNITIES THUS FAR AND IS ENCOURAGED BY HIS RECEPTION IN PNP STRONGHOLDS;

--BELIEVES THE RURAL JAMAICANS ARE SKEPTICAL OF MANLEY'S RAZZLE-DAZZLE; AND

--DOES NOT THINK THE STATE OF EMERGENCY POWERS WILL  
MATERIALLY AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTIONS.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: WE BELIEVE SEAGA IS A BIT TOO  
SANGUINE ABOUT HIS PARTY'S PROSPECTS AND ABOUT THE IMPACT  
OF THE DESTABILIZATION CHARADE. WE ASSUME MANLEY'S  
DRIVING IMPERATIVE IS RETENTION OF POWER AND THAT HE  
BELIEVES THIS REQUIRES THOROUGH MANIPULATION OF THE  
DESTABILIZATION GAME--INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
LINKS BETWEEN THE JLP OPPOSITION AND "SINISTER EXTERNAL  
FORCES". ON THE OTHER HAND, SEAGA KNOWS HIS RURAL  
JAMAICANS AND HAS COME UP WITH SOME GOOD CANDIDATES. THE  
ELECTION IS A HORSE RACE. MANLEY MAY HAVE THE EDGE, BUT  
ONLY BECAUSE HE CONTROLS THE SECURITY MECHANISM AND MUCH  
OF THE NEWS MEDIA. (CONFIDENTIAL) KINGSTON 4106, 9/24. KISSINGER

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